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■ Many actresses have tried their hand at playing our monarch, none better than Dame Helen Mirren, who won an Oscar for her portrayal of Her Majesty in the box office hit *The Queen*.

It seems the image of her rolling up her sleeves when her Land Rover breaks down while crossing a river has stuck in the public mind. Even male viewers were impressed when she swiftly identified the problem as a “broken drive shaft”.

The scheme ATA, which issues qualifications for mechanics on behalf of The Institute of the Motor Industry, says Her Majesty, who trained as a wartime mechanic, is the public figure motorists would most like to come to their rescue if they broke down.

No surprise that the public didn't express much confidence in the skills of David Cameron or Gordon Brown. Hard to imagine them knowing their crankshafts from their pistons.